

### The Weather:

Damp sand may be better  
at that . . .

# THE DIXIE

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"IT SHALL BE DONE"

### Dixiedoodle Says:

Good luck to the Jax  
Armed Service Center.

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## Average Rookie Tells Why He's Here; Now He Likes It

Small Town Boy Thinks  
It's Least He Can Do

By Private Robert R. Alpha,  
Co., B. 156th Infantry

I'm just an ordinary soldier, coming from an ordinary town, and with nothing especially outstanding or different about me. I guess that about makes me an average American and as good a person as any to write the impressions the Army has made upon me.

To begin with: I like it here. I've had less than two months of the service, but I am intending to stay in at the end of the year planned for me. Maybe transfer to the Navy, but still stay with the fighting forces.

I guess that my story could be matched by most of the rookies in this Division. I am eighteen, have four sisters, two brothers, neither old enough to enlist, and both my parents are living. I come from Patterson, La., a city of some two thousand people.

### The Home Town

Patterson could be almost any small town; the same grocers, clerks, bankers, salesman—in fact the usual quota of people to be found in a town of that size. Two industries are the main supporters of the town: shrimping and ship-building. I worked in the shipyards until induction.

It was impossible to stay at home when all my friends were packing to leave on a trip that was making history. I wanted to be a part of the things that are happening and so I joined the National Guard on November 11, 1940. I guess it was mostly patriotism; I wanted to do my part because after all this country has been pretty good to me and a swell place to live—I don't think any of us will kick about doing anything necessary to protect it.

This life hasn't been hard—just plenty of regular work and full hours, but it is better to have the time occupied than to just sit around.

### Camp A Shock

I must admit that the sight of camp on our arrival was pretty much of a shock—all I could see was sand, trees stumps and swamp,—but that first impression was entirely wrong. I don't know exactly what I had expected, but I think it was some sort of newly built city. The accommodations are really pretty complete for us. I can realize the Army isn't trying to pamper us. It wants us to live rigidly so we can be hard; that seems the whole purpose of the years training.

They take good care of me here, though I must admit a top Sergeant will hardly be a Mother to me, but he sees that I keep in shape—also in line—in several ways. I like the idea of Medical care whenever I need it; the fact that a man is certain of eating regularly; the new feeling  
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### IF MEASLES COME . . .

The commanding officer and Surgeon of each Regiment in the 31st Division has received a memorandum from the Division Headquarters as to the care in cases of communicable diseases, but should any enlisted man think he shows symptoms of such a disease, he should report immediately to his Medical detachment and this is what will be done:

Should he show definite signs of Measles, Mumps or their ilk, he will be rushed immediately to the hospital in a private ambulance, allowed no contact with any other patient, and be placed in a segregation ward. Thus all chance of spread of an epidemic will be averted.

## Boxing Entry Names Turned In

List Of 130 Includes  
Sprinkling Of Veterans

Boxing matches will begin in earnest throughout the Division, following the submission to Captain Ben Hudson, division recreation officer, of the names, weights and experience of some 130 fighters.

These will be matched by regiments and later will meet in inter-division fights. Most of the boys have had little or no experience, although there is a generous sprinkling of pros and semi-pros. One of the most experienced is 2nd Lt. Taylor F. Thompson of the 155th Infantry, who weighs in at 180, and has had 5 years of professional fighting.

## Firing Began This Week With 114th Leading Off

Big guns started tossing little shells Tuesday.

The first day of elementary artillery firing found the 114th Field Artillery's 55 mm howitzers on the shore of Sand Hill Lake, some 13 miles from camp. Mounted upon them were calibrated .37 mm guns which did the actual firing at the targets some 2400 yards across the lake.

Younger officers of the Mississippi regiment, particularly those just recently commissioned, fired most of the problems. Wednesday, the 116th of Florida, commanded by Col. Homer W. Hesterly, took the range with their .75's, and on Thursday Col. Percy S. McClung led the 117th Field Artillery to its initial practice here.

Send The Dixie home when you have finished with it.

## Colonel Manley Chief Of Staff, West Point Veteran

Acting Division Commander  
On General Pershing's  
War-Time Staff

If Colonel Frederick W. Manley, chief of staff of the 31st Division, should ever decide to start a college he would need few



COL. MANLEY

faculty members besides himself. The veteran West Pointer, who is acting chief commander of the Division in Major-General Pershing's absence, speaks fluent Spanish. During several assignments on the West Point faculty, he has taught Drawing, English and History.

But this scholastic versatility is only one result of his thirty-five years in the regular army. Colonel Manley might qualify as a public financial expert too; for as a first lieutenant he participated in the occupation of Vera Cruz in 1915 and there served for nine months as collector of City taxes, with the title of municipal treasurer.

### Philippines First

These experiences are brief highlights in a varied army career. Upon graduation from West Point  
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## Anti-Tank, 167th Is Best Appearing

The Anti-Tank company of the 167th Infantry commanded by Captain William B. Hardegree and hailing from Talladega, Alabama, was characterized as the best appearing company of the 31st Division, after the inspection last week of more than 160 companies.

Inspection included appearance of company property, added attraction to improve appearance of company, personal appearance of soldiers and military courtesy shown by members of the company. Special mention was given by Major Webster B. Majors, who inspected, to 1st Sgt. Mortimer Caldwell.

## LOW-RATE INSURANCE POLICIES AVAILABLE TO ALL OFFICERS, MEN

### HEY, SKEET SHOOTERS

Captain Ben Hudson, division recreation officer, and Lieut. Horace G. Towell, division postal officer, want to organize a skeet club. They hope to secure a field on the reservation if enough skeet enthusiasts are interested. Those who would like to form such an organization are requested to notify either of these officers.

Maximum Of \$10,000  
Available To All

Members of the 31st Division have the opportunity of obtaining National Service Life Insurance through regimental insurance officers appointed by the Regimental Commanders. This insurance can now be obtained at an extremely low payment, and can be transferred to ordinary policies later if desired.

Payments as low as sixty five cents a month per thousand dollars worth of insurance is offered. Payments can be made by deduction of the monthly pay check of the soldier, and beneficiaries are to be named by the insured. A maximum of \$10,000 is permitted each officer and enlisted man, and \$1,000 minimum.

If payment is made by direct remittance, the insurance becomes effective the day of application, but should application be made for allotment or deduction, the policy goes into effect only on the first day of the following month. The application blank is equipped to authorize any type of payment the soldier may wish to make.

Rates of the insurance will vary, but for the average member of the 31st Division the rates will run between sixty-five and seventy-five cents per month. General run of premiums are: From ages fifteen to twenty, sixty-three to sixty-five cents; From twenty one to twenty-five, sixty-five to sixty-seven cents; From twenty-six to thirty-six, sixty-eight to seventy-seven cents; from thirty-seven to fifty, seventy-nine cents to a dollar and twenty seven cents.

Above that age, the scale shoots abruptly upwards and runs as high as three dollars and sixty-four cents for a man of sixty-four.

## Company H, 116th Has Best Kitchen

Company H of the 155th is looking with pride upon its kitchen staff.

Captain Nelson Timlake has received from Colonel George E. Hogaboom, commander of the 155th, a report of a commendation Colonel Johnson, Inspector General's staff, of Washington. In it Co. H's kitchen was described as "by far the cleanest, neatest and best arranged kitchen that I have seen."

Company H is from Corinth, Mississippi. The mess corps is composed of 2nd Lt. Robert L. Gray, mess officer; Sgt. Alexander P. Dean, mess sergeant; Pvt. Rubin G. Brown and Kelly R. McRae, cooks. Another cook, Pvt. Willard W. Carroll is attending the cooks and bakers school.

## Officers Beat Bayonet Record

Maj. Hanna, Lt. Wax  
Unofficially Clocked  
In 100 Yd. Charge

Two officers of the 31st Division have unofficially bested the national record time for a hundred yard bayonet charge.

Lt. Benjamin W. Wax of the 156th Infantry was clocked in 26 seconds, and Major Walter J. Hanna, 167th Infantry in 28 seconds for the distance. The record is 30 seconds. In the charge nine dummies must be assaulted and two shots fired or simulated, starting from a prone position.

No enlisted men have yet been clocked. Lt. Kenneth Sears of Hdqrs. Co., 31st Division was reported as having shown the most promise of any beginner in the officer's group.

## Farewell Dinner To Capt. O'Bannon

A farewell dinner was tendered Captain Fred O'Bannon of Battery A, 114th Field Artillery by officers and men of his battery, on the eve of his return to his home in Greenville, Miss., this week. Captain O'Bannon who was relieved of duty because of high blood pressure, was considered one of the best officers in the regiment. Among those to speak at the dinner was Colonel A. G. Paxton, Lieutenant-colonel Albert Lake, Lt. Thomas Baggett, Lt. William Martin, Lt. Fuller, Lt. B. F. Hand, Sgt. Marvin Lamb, Sgt. Shelby Foote, and Pvt. 1st Class John Fisher.

At the end of the dinner the men presented a handsome gold bag to Captain O'Bannon who is also receiving another gift from the officers.

### Just Married

Lt. John S. B. Johnson, of Company A, 106th Quartermaster regiment, was married last week to Miss Irene Boone, of Kenneth, Mo., the wedding taking place at Hazelhurst, Miss.



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## GETTING BRIEFER

So much news is coming in to The Dixie now that this editorial column is going to give way from now on almost entirely to news. Which should please just about everybody.

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What would please everybody too would be an announcement in the near future that the Armed Services Center in Jacksonville is ready for business. Such a meeting and recreation center for the men of the army and navy will do more to run the jook joints out of business than all the sermons, editorials and police clean-ups on the calendar. Going back to the days before November 25, what this division is composed of is a bunch of youngsters, mostly from small towns, and with the same instinct for pleasure and companionship as any other normal fellows have. They find themselves a long way from home, with little opportunity for meeting people. That breeds restlessness, and the restlessness of soldiers breeds the slimy dens that try to supplant healthier outlets. This isn't moralizing. But we repeat that the Center in Jacksonville, capably run, and functioning, can become the greatest asset that friendly city can offer.

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And if Governor Holland gets a road program going in the vicinity of Camp Blanding, we'll nominate him for honorary commander of the Dixie Division. Such roads are needed not only for the protection of life but as a vital part of national defense. We missed seeing the remnants of a wreck the other night because we stopped to look over a couple of others on the way.

## THE 31ST DAY

### —CALENDAR OF EVENTS—

#### MOVIES

FRIDAY—"THE WAY OF ALL FLESH," featuring Akim Tamiroff and Gladys George. Two night shows, starting at 6 and 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY—DOUBLE FEATURES—"FUGITIVE FROM A PRISON CAMP," starring Jack Holt and Marian Marsh; and "CHARLIE CHAN AT THE WAX MUSEUM," featuring Sidney Toler. Special matinee beginning at 2 o'clock. ONE SHOW ONLY. Two night performances, beginning at 6 and 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"I LOVE YOU AGAIN," starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. This is one of the best shows of the year. Special Sunday Matinee at 2 o'clock. ONE SHOW ONLY. Night Performance at 6 and 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY—"THE GREAT MCGINTY," featuring Brian Donlevy and Muriel Angelus. Don't Miss This One. Two night shows at 6 and 8 o'clock.

The Dixie is distributed free to all enlisted men of the 31st Division. A nominal subscription price of \$1.50 is assessed upon all officers. A limited number of extra copies may be purchased at the Press Section, G-2, for five cents each, the proceeds to go toward expenses of engraving photos and cartoons.



## AS YOU WERE

### Backward Glances At Officers and Men

#### The G-2: Lt. Col. Louis J. Wise

Lieutenant in the 319th Machine Gun Battalion in the World War, Lt. Col. Louis J. Wise has been G-2 of the 31st Division since 1929.

The 48-year old Yazoo City, Mississippi lawyer who heads the Intelligence section of the Dixie Division, has been connected with the National Guard since 1921, two years after he was mustered out of service with the American Army. In the reorganization of the Mississippi National Guard, Colonel Wise formed the Service Company of the 1st Mississippi Infantry, later the 155th Infantry. Promoted to major, he was made machine gun and howitzer officer of the 155th in 1923, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel of infantry in August 1924 and assigned as machine gun and howitzer officer of the 31st. In 1929 he was named G-2 of the Division.

Colonel Wise went through the Meuse-Argonne offensive in France, and served in the army from July 1917 to May, 1919, emerging a 1st lieutenant, after enlisting as a private. He is present Grand Cheminot of the 40 and 8's of the State of Mississippi and Grande Chef de Gard Passe, and has been Department Judge Advocate of the American Legion.

A native of Yazoo City, Colonel Wise is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, with a post graduate degree from Columbia University. He has been practicing law since 1913 and is secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee of Mississippi. He is married, and the father of a 10-

#### Among The Men

Max Plattner's band, currently playing at the Hotel George Washington's Rainbow Room, in Jacksonville, may have to do a little conscripting on their own if the war continues. His former Bass player, Private First Class Jewel W. Williams, is now beating it out for the boys in 1st Battalion Headquarters Battery of the 116th Field Artillery. Maybe he can get in on the weekends for a little jam session with his old buddies.

If their First Sergeant routs the boys of Hq. Btry. 1st Bn. 116th Field Artillery out of bed to the sound of a Fire Siren some morning, it will probably be just a case of home sickness being heard. Their Top Kick for the past 13 years has been Sergeant Edgar E. Leavine, a member of the Tampa Fire Department, Station No. 1.

Hq. Co. of the 124th has another old timer who can still set 'em up with a neat left. Art Riley, Promoter, former Marine Lightweight champion, Athletic director in his own gym, is teaching the boys of the company to lead with something other than their chin. He saw service with the Marines in the last little fracas, and after coming back to the States, was the first to promote Amateur boxing in the south. He arranged the first pro fights in Duval County, Florida.

FOR HIRE—Experienced ten piece dance band. Inquire c/o W. O. Richard N. Whitfield Band 114th F. A.

## PRIVATE TALK

BY PRIVATE JAMES ALSOP

That new song they have out: "Is it love or is it conscription," may have applied in many instances, but Private First Class Benjamin B. Crawford, Private Albert R. Virgin, and Sergeant Woodrow Kerce of Headquarters Battery of the 116th Field Artillery removed all doubt about themselves.

They waited until after induction before they had the minister perform the ceremony. Congratulations boys, and good luck to you and the brides. We hope it isn't as bad as one of the boys said the other night, "Geeze! The army puts as much restriction on your playing around as marriage does."

From Pvt. 1st class Elijah H. Jenkins: If gold bricks were as valuable in the army as in the treasury, there would be no necessity for congress making an appropriation.

Battery C of the 116th has solved the laundry problem. A washing machine was purchased with Battery Funds, and the boys can use it when they want to do their washing.

Overheard by Pvt. L. J. Smith, Jr., of Company C:

Cpl. William Walker: I sure do miss my dual control in selma.

Cpl. Mike Chester: I wonder who's kissing her now.

Pvt. Gilbert Coleman: Is it six o'clock already?

Pvt. Will Manderson: Where are the second lines in the chow line started.

Wonder if the boys in Company C, 167th Infantry, who built the row boats are seeing visions of beautiful blonds trailing their hands in the water while a distant band plays haunting melodies . . . Or are they going to use them for the prosaic art of fishing. The owners are Sgts. Shultz and Tepper, Corporal Chester W. Walker, Privates Hubbard, Ware, Burton, Holingsworth and McFarland.

From all reports, Private Whitehead of Company A, 156th Infantry will testify that kidnapping is a dangerous business. Stealing to the side of a sleeping mother, he managed to get a grip on her child when she awoke. She may have been a female, but a sow is dangerous when some one is tampering with her pigs.

PEOPLE WE ENVY—Everett Taylor, of Company A, 156th Infantry. His home town paper labeled him the most kissed soldier in his Company.

Company M, 155th Infantry had quite a party for the return of the prodigal son the other night. The former private Paul S. Dodge, lately transferred to Divisional Headquarters, received his sergeants stripes and walked all the way to his old company street to give them a look at his new decorations.

Maybe they had the last laugh at that though; he came back a poorer, but wiser soldier after they started a game of dominoes (the rolling kind).

Best wishes to the newly organized Non-Commissioned Officers club.

Let's get some amateur theatricals going.—there should be some experienced writers, actors and scenery men in camp—why not get something organized. What say we put on a real soldier's play—something we can all appreciate?

Another little episode of Pignapping turned out more successfully. Private Albert King of Company C, 157th Infantry, wandered back from the woods with a small bundle of squealing pork under each arm. The Company has built pigpens, and is licking its collective lips in anticipation of coming pork chops and side meat.

A soldier of the 31st Division was overheard making a statement not long ago which might well be taken to heart by the entire outfit. The context of his conversation ran in this channel.

This is the first group of soldiers to arrive in camp. We are now on probation with the citizens of Jacksonville and other surrounding towns, and for the coming year, we, as well as all other units which follow us, will be judged by our actions.

It behooves us to get off on the right foot with those people who will surround us during our year of training. We can remember that the uniforms we wear should be respected and conduct ourselves accordingly and not, as some one described it: "Act like a bunch of high school sophomores on a band trip."



## Dixie Infantry Unit Once Helped Capture Florida City

The First Mississippi Regiment—units of which participated in the capture of Pensacola, Fla., during the War of 1812—is one of the oldest organizations within the Dixie Division. Known today as the 155th Infantry (Rifle), the regiment has taken part in every United States war since the unit's first military company was formed at Natchez in 1798.

In the Creek Indian War, on August 30, 1802, all but 17 of the regiment's garrison of Fort Mims were massacred. The Mississippians followed General Andrew Jackson to Pensacola and New Orleans in the War of 1812, and in the Mexican War the regiment was led to gallant victory at Monterey and Buena Vista by Colonel Jefferson Davis, later to become president of the Confederacy. It was during the latter battle that Davis gave the command which has become the regiment's motto: "Stand Fast, Mississippians."

During the War Between the States the regiments served the Confederacy with valor on battlefields of Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia.

Designated the 155th Infantry in 1917, the regiment trained in Louisiana and arrived in France on September 1, 1918. The regiment was stationed at St. Florent as part of the 5th Depot Division and regiment of the 39th Division and as a unit did not see active service, but sent to the front all of its men and a great number of officers.

Commanded by Colonel George E. Hogaboom since 1923, the regiment is composed of Mississippi National Guard units from Jackson, Vicksburg, Clarksdale, Yazoo City, Clinton, Meadville, Natchez, Canton, Cleveland, Aberdeen, Corinth, Laurel, Tylertown, McComb and Gulfport.

## Chaplains Join Jacksonville Group

The chaplains of the Dixie Division have been extended honorary memberships in the Ministers Alliance of Jacksonville, and all the chaplains have been invited to fill pulpits in that city.

At a meeting held in Jacksonville Monday, nine chaplains of the division participated in a discussion of plans for opening the Armed Services Center there. Those attending included Chaplains Sandlin, Houvis, Noland, Nolan, Hamilton, Wells, Walcott, Hudson and Storey.

## Letter From Vet Of Old 31st

December 30th, 1940

Major General John C. Persons, The Thirty First (Dixie) Division, Camp Blanding, Fla.

Sir: I have just read AP press notice to the effect that the 31st (Dixie) Division will have its own weekly newspaper. As Vice-President of the Dixie (31st) Division Association, composing men of the old Dixie during World War days and holder of two honorable discharges from the Florida National Guards, may I take this opportunity, in the name of the former men of this grand old division to wish the men of your command, through your newspaper, our deepest respect and admiration for them and extend to them every good wish for their welfare.

I am sure that every member of this grand old division receives extreme pleasure in the knowledge that our old division carries on and under its original designation. The former men of the 31st (Dixie) Division liken the men of active 31st (Dixie) Division to a kinship of brothers and share with them that great American honor due every soldier who serves his country in time of war or threat of war.

May it never again be necessary that our country engage in actual combat with another nation, but a prayer is offered here and now, that in such an event the men of the 31st (Dixie) Division will carry forward the divisional colors to the field of battle and I know the glory they so richly deserve will be theirs. The men of the old 31st (Dixie) Division were denied this right at the last moment, however, they were not denied front line service with other units and distinguished themselves with merit and courage to the glory of their country and their old division.

A prayer is added that the officers of the active 31st (Dixie) Division now take steps that will forever guarantee against the men of this division ever again being separated at crucial moments. The colors of the 31st (Dixie) Division fly high, wide and handsome and so do its men. The motto of the old Dixie Division was "It Shall Be Done," may it continue to serve our younger brothers under arms as it served us.

Respectfully,

Col. John B. Williams  
DIXIE (31st) DIVISION  
ASSOCIATION.

## Professional Artists Dedicate Spec. Troops Hall

NBC Singer, Johnny The Philip Morris Boy And Others Perform

"Call for Philip Morris." With this call, the Leon Schwarz Memorial Hall, dedicated to the founder of the Headquarters Company, 31st Division, was formerly opened. 'Johnny' the Philip Morris call boy is noted for opening shows providing grand entertainment, and he again lived up to his reputation. The men of the Special Troops were treated to one of the most entertaining vaudeville shows ever to be presented in an army camp. The place was the Special Troops recreation Hall; the time: last Monday night.

The officers of the Special Troops had requested James LaMarr, a friend of theirs and one of the outstanding NBC artists to arrange a show for the opening of the Hall. Expecting a few minutes entertainment, both officers and men were surprised to find themselves applauding and shouting for more after more than two hours. Mr. LaMarr did more than provide a little entertainment, he provided a cast of stars, himself included.

After Johnny opened the show with his now famous chant: "Caalll foor Philip Mooriss," he did two tap and song numbers, winning a permanent place for himself and his product with the men of the Special Troops.

Following Johnny, came a small spot of Darkness, nicknamed 'Drop in the bucket.' Coming out to the tune of the Stars and Stripes forever, he did several fast tap numbers, leaving the stage in a shower of coins.

Mr. LaMarr then took the stage. One of the outstanding Baritones of the Chicago Opera Company, he chose a series of songs designed to appeal to a group of men. Time after time he was called back for encores, obliging until the time ran so short he had scarcely time to get back to Jacksonville for his show.

The swing band of the 124th Infantry, under the direction of Mr. Reagan, came over after their own concert, and played request after request, until the stage managers, Lt. Manry and Lt. Flynn, were forced to close the show.

## BLANDING BREVITIES

### DENTAL OFFICES

Dental officers of the 31st division have arranged to have one of their number on duty each week-end and available for dental services. For the week-end of January 18-20, Captain H. L. Bowman of the 106th Medical Regiment is on duty.

### TAILORING SHOP

A tailor shop is in operation in Branch exchange No. 7, 167th Infantry. Buttons, chevrons and insignia will be sewed on, and alterations and repairs handled. A small supply of clothing, insignia and miscellaneous items is kept in stock.

### PAYROLL DEADLINE

Pay rolls for the month of January should be submitted by regiments and similar units to the Finance Office, 31st Division, not later than January 18, for transmission to the Camp Finance office. Personnel is available for instruction in preparation.

### EXAMS FOR COMMISSIONS

Physical exams for enlisted personnel nominated for commissions were held Monday. Approximately 120 men were examined.

### OFF LIMIT SPOTS

A new order has been issued from Division Headquarters announcing that several places along the highway between camp and Starke have been placed off limits for soldiers. They are: G. I. Surles Country Store, located on Strickland's premises, Wall's camp, located just back of Bullard's Camp, Godwin's Restaurant and the American Amusement Company.

### EXCHANGE OPEN LATER

The main exchange is now staying open until 8 p. m., for the convenience of officers and men wishing to make late purchases.

### CALLING FLY FIGHTERS

The Daily Bulletin, published by Divisional Headquarters, has reminded all units not to forget their fly preventive measures. All units will include fly traps, swatters, poisons and fly traps among standard equipment.

## Place Of Church Important One In Army Life

Work Of Chaplains Covers Many Duties Besides Sunday Sermons

By Sgt. James D. Stewart  
167th Infantry

Out of the wilderness that once covered the better part of this section of the state of Florida, there is springing up a modern town with all the advantages of the most metropolitan cities of the world today. This (Camp Blanding of the United States Army) "Mushroom City" is not lacking in the growth of the church as some of the faster growing cities of this country. Even now, in this early stage of the game, religious services are being held in different sections of the camp from two to three times each week.

### Similar To Civil

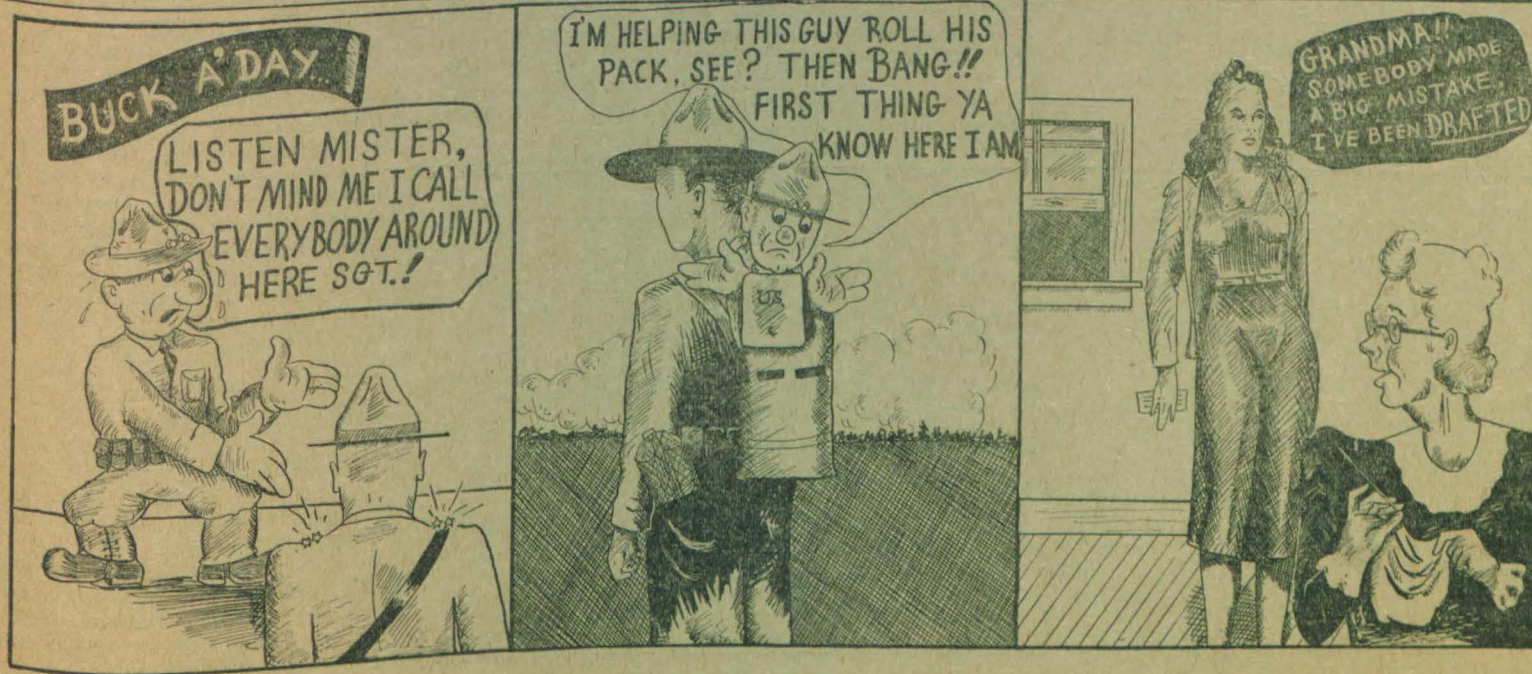
Church in the army is very similar to that in civil life. It is composed of young men who have been used to church attendance and who intend to live a religious life in the army; therefore everyone there is present because he wishes to be.

Church is held on Sunday morning and the services usually last about forty-five minutes. These services are divided up somewhat as civilian services are with around ten minutes of hymn singing, in which the entire group of young men take part, a special time for individual singing, and around thirty minutes are taken up in the delivering of the message by the Chaplain. Every Wednesday night a song service is held and everyone is invited to attend and participate in the singing. Songs sung in this type of gathering are taken from "The Army and Navy Hymnal." These books have a complete selection of religious songs and prove to be very helpful in all types of church work in camp.

### Not Compulsory

Church attendance is not compulsory, but everyone is notified of the services. The Chaplain urges everyone to attend all the services and the company commanders are also asked to invite all the men to church. On Friday and Saturday posters are passed out to each company reminding all officers and enlisted men to attend church services on the following Sunday morning. If the men want to attend there is no order or formation that is made to keep them away. Services are held, and all the men have to do to attend is have the desire.

Closely connected with church work is the Chaplain's work through the week. At most any hour of the day he can be found either in conference advising the men on their various troubles or out among the ranks spreading goodwill to the men that are, most of the time, homesick or have other troubles of worthwhile mention. Chaplain Wolcott urges the men to come to him at any time with the assurance that he will do anything that is possible for them. Such is the spirit of cooperation between the officers of the 167th Infantry, of Alabama now in camp here at Blanding, and the enlisted men in their command.





# EYES RIGHT . . . . Along Dixie's Company Streets

## 156TH INFANTRY

First honors in Company A for fishing in Lake Kingsley go to Royce Hatchett who brought back a good-sized trout after a few hours at the Isaac Walton specialty. Incidentally Hatchett has distinguished himself in quite a few ways since induction. With the aid of his chum John Meade he braved a ride from Baton Rouge on a motorcycle—rain and all. Then again our friend doesn't do bad with his "double-talk" act, or taking off the part of an old maid taking a bath—but more of that when the stage in the recreation hall is completed.

Music is always in fashion and a get-together orchestra in the company does a lot to pep up a fellow now and then. (Incidentally to keep him awake nights). Distinguished in the art (though minus the appropriate long hair) are Sgt. DeLee Crum, who plays the Hawaiian guitar; Sgt. Robert Sanders, harmonica; Cpl. Willis Dowden, mandolin, guitar or violin as well as vocalist; Sgt. Sidney Williamson, harmonica; Charles Babin, harmonica; Lester Pogue, guitar; brothers Cyril and William Sharp, both guitar; Everett Taylor, base fiddle; Sgt. Hanson Baden, accordion; and Joseph Cambre, guitar.

And while we're talking about musicians we must not forget our best beloved bugler, William Harrison who so kindly wakes us up in the morning—provided 1st Sgt. Raymond Metternich doesn't pass his foot around first.

Talent also runs in other lines within the confines of Co. A. The best of military haircuts issue from the clippers of Charles Carmona, even though the electricians did frown upon his wiring. Then there is the number-one cook, Arnel Thibodeaux, who says little and does much toward satisfying the inner man three times per. And our second cook, Edwin Epineff, renowned for concocting "specialties."

## 167TH INFANTRY

Lt. Aubrey L. Matthews, of Company G, has been assigned to officer's school at Fort Benning, Georgia, and will be succeeded by Lt. Daniel H. Milam, formerly of the Service Battery. Lt. Milam has also served with Company F.

Lt. Darrow Gray, after eleven years service with Company C, has been transferred to the 124th Infantry. At his last mess with the company, the unit presented their departing commander with an officer's jacket, tie and hat band.

## 106TH MEDICAL REGIMENT

1st Lt. William B. Turk M. C. has assumed command of Company E, transferring from the Field Artillery to the Medical Corps. A graduate of L. S. U.

the past several years at the New Orleans Charity Hospital.

Several members of Company E attended the inauguration of Governor Holland at Tallahassee. Those making the trip were: Sergeant Roberts, Pvt. 1st class Mark Infinger, Pvt. 1st class Howard Tippins, Pvt. 1st class Andrew Chandler, Pvt. Jackson Whidden, Pvt. Harvey Mettaz, Pvt. William Minor, Pvt. Emile Pelletiere, and Pvt. Maye Johnson. Major Sisler and Captain Hopkins were in command of the detail.

## 106TH QM REGIMENT

Captain Dixon, with 33 men of Headquarters Company, made a trip to Key West, Florida, January 10th, to transfer Co. E 265th Coast Artillery to Miami.

Lt. Kizer and Sgt. Taylor have been enrolled in a school for the Classification of National Guard Personnel at the draftee receiving center. They will assist in classification of all National Guardsmen inducted November 25th of the past year according to I. Q. and technical abilities.

## 117TH F. A.

Captain Milton P. Carter of Florala, Ala., has assumed command of the Regimental Headquarters Battery, relieving First Lieutenant John W. Kelsoe, who has been in command since induction. Captain Carter was transferred from Second Battalion Headquarters Battery.

First Lieutenant Dozier S. Bryan has been transferred from Battery D and is now in command of the Second Battalion Headquarters Battery, relieving Captain Carter.

## 106TH ENGINEERS

Promotions in Company D: Corporal George M. Adams to Sergeant; Pvt. 1st class Tom Clanton, to Corporal; Pvt. 1st class Ward Gwaltney, to Corporal; Pvt. Earl R. Skipper, to corporal.

Men of Company D promoted from privates to Private First Class: Jack C. Bryant, Hugh C. Bowen, Oscar A. Buchanan, John P. Bussey, James E. Clanton, Wilton Eiland, William W. Hightower, Dallas B. Howard, Rufus Holman, Homer M. Jervigan, Harrie L. McCoy, John F. Miller, Roy O. Pitts, Victor H. Smith, Cecil J. Suggs, Chester L. Suggs, J. Q. Turnage, Raymond T. Zion.

## 155TH INFANTRY

Promotions in Company H are: Corporal Troy L. Gatlin, to Sergeant; Pvt. 1st class Robert E. L. Anderson, to Sergeant; Pvt. Joseph E. Criswell, to Corporal; Pvt. DeWitt E. McKee, to Corporal; Pvt. James B. Terry, to corporal; Pvt. John E. Tucker, to corporal; Pvt. Calvin C. Arnold, to corporal.

## 156TH INFANTRY

Promoted to Private First Class in Company H are: Calvin C. Arnold, Charles W. Clifton, Bernard

D. Collison, Delley R. McRae.

## 156TH INFANTRY

Visitors of Privates Alton Melancon, Lubin Allemand, McNair Oregon, Louis LeBlanc and Peter Richardelle were entertained at Company C Mess. The visitors were: Messrs Earnest Orgeron, Albert Falgout, Vicnair Orgeron and Misses Odet Danos and Shirley Falgout.

Few men of Company C have thus far reported to the hospital for treatment, and in all cases the complaints were slight colds and boils.

## 106TH QM REGIMENT

Pvt. Holland and Pvt. Wood of Company D have returned from the hospital and are again on the active list. All cases of the flu have been cured, and the entire unit is on active duty.

Several members of Company D enjoyed a short visit home the past week-end.

Company E and Company D have a standing rivalry in touch football. Each evening teams are chosen and thus far the standings are about even.

## 106TH ENGINEERS

Captain Emmett E. Martin of the Medical Detachment recently made a speech to the unit demanding concerted action, since that the air has been somewhat murky with fur and feathers lost in intensive action.

Promotions in the Medical Detachment are: Staff Sergeant Dan Meadors, Jr., to Tech. Sgt.; Sergeant Edgar H. Robertson to Staff Sgt.; Pvt. 1st class Walter A. Brown to Stf. Sgt.; Pvt. 1st class Neal N. Morehead to corporal; Pvt. 1st class Charles W. Morris to corporal.

Those privates given first class ratings are: Henry L. Austin, John R. Bass, George M. Brooks, Homer A. Brown, O. Linton Elkins, William D. Godwin, William C. Moss.

## Average Rookie

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of belonging to a closely knit organization, a feeling that no civilian ever experiences.

### Likes Uniforms

There is something about this idea of uniforms that I like—you can see a man at a distance and know that you are friends even though you have never seen one another before. We are all here for the same purpose, basically, and that common bond is something new to me. It sure gives a man a grand feeling when he passes the colors and salutes to know that along with every man in the camp he has one major job: to protect that flag.

K. P. is probably the most overrated punishment I have ever

## General Persons, Three Brigadiers At Ft. Benning

Major-General John C. Persons, and the three brigadier-generals of the 31st Division and an assistant chief of staff are attending a "refresher" course at Fort Benning, Georgia this week.

Accompanying General Persons last Saturday for the 10-day study were Brigadier-Generals Louis F. Guerre, of the 61st Brigade, Sumter L. Lowry of the 56th, and Joseph C. Hutchison, and Lieut. Col. Joseph L. Peterson, Infantry, assistant chief of staff, G-3.

In the absence of the commanding general, Colonel F. W. Manley, chief of staff, is in command of the division and Lieut. Col. Louis F. Wise is acting chief of staff.

### OFFICER IS MAYOR

Lieutenant Colonel Lucien S. Sanders, Dixie Division ordnance officer, returned to his home town of Kosciusko, Miss., this week to be sworn into office for his sixth term as mayor. He will receive a year's leave to complete training here.

### BOB FELLER TO TALK

Bob Feller to talk to troops 10pt Bob Feller, star pitcher of the Cleveland Indians, will talk to the officers and men of the Dixie Division on February 11, at about six o'clock.

known. Why—there are a lot of jobs in the camp much worse.

I had the idea when I joined that at least one man in every family should enter the military service, but now I have changed that. I think every man should have to serve a hitch—it would be a swell thing for the country as a whole.

### He Likes It

Yes—I like the army; I like the efficiency of handling such a tremendous number of men, I like the life here, and I like my buddies. That is important to me. If I am to be here living with them, traveling with them, fighting with them, I must get along with all.

I have my job now, it isn't hard but it isn't easy, and for a year that will be my entire life. Such being the case I will make the best of it. I am going to work hard, because it is the natural training of any American to try to get ahead.

My ambition today is to reach one objective: When the day comes that I am handed my discharge, I want my superiors to say: "You've been a good soldier." I'll know my year wasn't wasted.

## Colonel Manley

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in 1905, the then Lieutenant Manley asked for foreign service. He got it. For three years he served with the 13th Infantry in the Philippines. Then he was sent to West Point as an instructor in drawing, and remained there four years, before being assigned to border duty a year before the Vera Cruz expedition.

As municipal treasurer during the American occupation, the young first lieutenant introduced a new wrinkle in Vera Cruz politics. He made everyone pay up, including those whose political position had previously placed them on a favored list.

The common people couldn't understand the sudden shifting of a just share of the tax burden to those more able to pay, but they approved. And Lieutenant Manley's knowledge of Spanish—he had learned in the Philippines from a convent padre—came in handily in understanding and being understood by the citizens of Vera Cruz.

### Taught English

Shortly after the Vera Cruz incident, he was returned to West Point, this time as instructor in English, and received his captaincy. He was still at West Point when the United States entered the World War, but "managed to get away."

Promoted to major, Colonel Manley went overseas as adjutant of the 91st Division, but after arrival in France was placed on General John Pershing's staff as G-3. For nearly a year he served in France, and was advanced to lieutenant-colonel. At the war's end, he was again sent to West Point, this time as assistant professor of History.

In 1926 came one of his most colorful assignments, that as military attache in the American embassy in Spain, a post which he filled four years. Home again he served for a year and a half at Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and then went to the War College, graduating in 1933.

From the War College, Colonel Manley went back to the Philippines again, on the staff of the Commanding General of the Philippines department. Detailed as military advisor of Governor General Frank Murphy—now a Supreme Court justice—Colonel Manley's tour of duty lasted three years. He was returned to Fort Howard, Maryland, where he was commander of the post and commanding officer of the 12th Infantry. Now he is the 31st's Chief of Staff.

A native of Minnesota, Colonel Manley makes his home in St. Augustine, where Mrs. Manley now lives. He is the father of Mrs. Max S. Johnson, whose husband is a captain in the Corps of engineers, and has two grandchildren, a boy and a girl.

## Play Areas Are Being Planned

Regimental play areas are being planned, and will be laid out shortly, a report from the 106th Engineers says.

The areas will make possible such sports as volley ball hand ball, basketball, badminton, horse-shoe pitching, boxing, wrestling and weight lifting.

